

City of Evansville
Mayoral Proclamation in
Celebration of Evansville as Soybean Capital of Wisconsin

WHEREAS, the farm and agribusiness have been important to the Evansville community since 1839; and

WHEREAS, cooperative efforts of farmers and city residents have made the Evansville area strong in business, education and social organizations; and

WHEREAS, area farmers, members of the Grange, also known as Patrons of Husbandry, organized a general store called the Evansville Mercantile Association (The Grange) in 1874 that was an important part of the Evansville economy for more than 100 years and was housed in buildings that continue to be important downtown business sites; and

WHEREAS, Evansville businessmen organized the Baker Manufacturing Company in 1873 to manufacture engines, windmills and water pumping equipment to improve conditions on the farm and in the City; and

WHEREAS, farmers organized the Union Cooperative Association in 1935, starting with less than 200 members and growing to become part of Landmark Services Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, Pruden Product Company started operation in 1954 by manufacturing feeders for farm animals and developed into one of the largest steel building manufacturers in the nation, VP Buildings; and

WHEREAS, Evansville area farmers have always taken pride in having the highest quality livestock, crops and well maintained farms and for generations have promoted excellence in agriculture by cooperating with the University School of Agriculture and University of Wisconsin Extension to organize farmers institutes and other educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Evansville farmers and agribusinesses have received national and international attention for their expertise in agriculture throughout the years and have welcomed opportunities to share their knowledge with visitors to Evansville from many countries; and

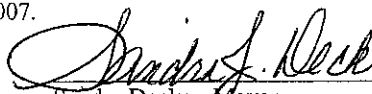
WHEREAS, in 1983 the Wisconsin Soybean Association designated Evansville the Soybean Capital of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the North Prairie Productions biodiesel facility begins a new chapter in Evansville agribusiness; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sandra Decker, Mayor of the City of Evansville, do hereby proclaim the week of October 15-22 to be Evansville Soybean Celebration week to honor the agricultural history of Evansville and its designation as Soybean Capital of Wisconsin. I ask all citizens to recognize and appreciate the significant contributions of Evansville farmers and their importance to the economic stability and vitality of our community.

Dated this 15th day of October, 2007.

ATTEST:

 (SEAL)
Sandra Decker, Mayor

 (SEAL)
Judy Walton, Clerk

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